

Claim 3, line 1, change "transmitting" to --broadcasting--.

Claim 5, line 1, change "transmitting" to --broadcasting--.

Claim 7, line 1, change "transmitting" to --broadcasting--.

9. (Amended) Apparatus for [transmitting] broadcasting data to a plurality of data receiving stations, comprising:

means for transmitting said data in a common channel receivable by each of said receiving stations in a format comprising a plurality of frames;

means for receiving error correction request signals indicating selected ones of said frames from each of said receiving stations;

means for transmitting said selected frames to each of said receiving stations in response to said error correction request signals and means for receiving from each of said receiving stations acknowledgment signals indicating the earliest of said frames which has not been received by that station, wherein the means for transmitting is operable to broadcast a new frame which has not been previously broadcast only if the sequential order of said new frame is greater by less than a predetermined number [greater] than the earliest of said frames which has been transmitted to but not been received by any one of said receiving stations.

10. (Amended) A method of [transmitting] broadcasting data to a plurality of data receiving stations, comprising:

transmitting said data in a common channel receivable by each of said receiving stations in a format comprising a plurality of frames;

receiving error correction request signals indicating selected ones of said frames from one or more of said receiving stations;

retransmitting said selected frames to said receiving stations; and receiving from each of said [local] receiving stations acknowledgment signals indicating the earliest in sequence of said frames which has not been received by that local station, wherein a new frame which has not previously been broadcast is broadcast only if the sequential order of said new frame is greater by less than a predetermined number [greater] than the earliest of said frames which has been transmitted to but not been received by any one of said local stations.

Claim 11, line 1, change "transmitting" to --broadcasting--.

Claim 14, line 1, change "transmitting" to --broadcasting--; and
line 10, change "transmitted" to --broadcast--.

27. (Amended) Apparatus for receiving data from a broadcast station, comprising:
means for receiving said data in a format comprising a sequence of frames; and

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means for transmitting signals to said broadcast station in a format including receive state information indicating the sequence number of the last in sequence of the received frames, but not including a transmit state [information indicating the sequence of any frames transmitted to the broadcast station] field.

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29. (Amended) A method of receiving data from a broadcast station, comprising:
receiving said data in a format comprising a sequence of frames; and
transmitting signals to said broadcast station in a format including receive state information indicating the sequence number of the last in sequence of the received frames, but not including a transmit state [information indicating the sequence of any frames transmitted to the broadcast station] field.

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31. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in any one of claims ⁹~~1, 2, 5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, [17,] 19, 20, [21,] [25,] 27 and 28~~, wherein the data is broadcast from a satellite.

32. (Amended) A method as claimed in any one of claims ¹⁰~~3, 4, 7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 16, [18,] 22, 23, [24,] 29 and 30~~, wherein the data is broadcast via satellite.

33. (Amended) Apparatus as claimed in any one of claims ⁹~~5, 6, 9, 11, 12, 13, [17,] 19, 20, [21,] [25,] 27 and 28~~, wherein the data relates to the status of user terminals in a mobile

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communications system and each of the receiving stations has associated therewith a database for storing said data.

8/ 34. (Amended) A method as claimed in any one of the claims ¹⁰ ~~7, 8, 10, 14, 15, 16,~~
~~[18,] 22, 23, [24,] 29 and 30,~~ wherein the data relates to the status of user terminals in a mobile communications system and each of the receiving stations has associated therewith a database for storing said data.

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[Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to enter the following claims:]

35. Apparatus as claimed in claim 21 wherein the data is broadcast via satellite.

36. A method as claimed in claim 24 wherein the data is broadcast via satellite.

37. Apparatus as claimed in claim 21 wherein the data relates to the status of user terminals in a mobile communications system and each of the receiving stations has associated therewith a database for storing said data.

38. A method as claimed in claim 24 wherein the data relates to the status of user terminals in a mobile communications system and each of the receiving stations has associated therewith a database for storing said data.